



# HEOMD NASA Advisory Council Public Session

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# What Were HEO's Biggest Accomplishments In 2013?



- Safe and successful operation of the ISS;
- ISS utilization: increase crew hours, benefits to humanity, new capabilities like rodent research on SpaceX 4
- Successful accomplishment of the Commercial Cargo Program, resulting in two providers of ISS cargo transportation services
- Received and evaluated the initial Certification Products Contracts Phase I products
- Successful accomplishment of the CCIAP partners' milestones
- SLS preliminary design review
- Installation of SLS manufacturing tooling at Michoud Assembly Facility
- Delivery of Orion heatshield
- Orion power on
- Successful launches of TDRS-L, Landsat 8, and MaVEN
- Successful Lunar Laser Comm Demonstration from LADEE spacecraft in lunar orbit
- Initial definition of the Asteroid Redirect Mission

# What Are HEO's Biggest Challenges In 2014?



- Extending ISS beyond 2020 enables the nation's goals in space – commercialization, extending humans beyond low Earth orbit, returning benefits & humanity, and leading a global exploration partnership
- Continue safe, innovative and productive use of ISS, including achieving a regular cadence of commercial cargo flights. Most important thing is to use this unique facility to expose others to the benefits of space based research
- Receive, evaluate, and select CCtCAP provider(s)
- Deliver the Orion test article and fly EFT-1
- Guide SLS through Agency approval for final design and fabrication, and continue hardware development as the overall design matures to critical design review
- Establish the pathway for SLS upper stage development including international partner roles
- Keep Orion and the ESA service module on track
- Take ARM Mission into formulation
- Launch TDRS-L successfully and implement Space Network Ground Segment Sustainment





# Asteroid Redirect Mission and The Future of Human Spaceflight

# Leveraging Capabilities for an Asteroid Mission

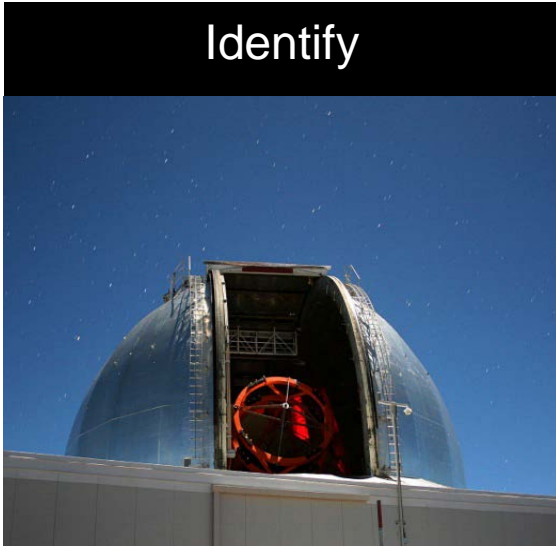


- **NASA is leveraging key on-going activities in Science, Space Technology, and Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorates**
  - Asteroid identification and characterization efforts
  - High power solar electric propulsion
  - Autonomous guidance and control
  - Orion and Space Launch System vehicles
  - Technologies for astronaut extra-vehicular activities
- **Each individual activity provides an important capability in its own right for human and robotic exploration**
- **We are working to utilize all of these activities to**
  - Identify and redirect a small asteroid to a stable orbit in the lunar vicinity; and
  - Investigate and return samples with our astronauts.
- **The FY14 budget supports continued advancement of the important individual elements and furthers the definition of the overall potential mission.**

# Asteroid Redirect Mission



## Identify



### **Asteroid Identification:**

Ground and space based near Earth asteroid (NEA) target detection, characterization and selection

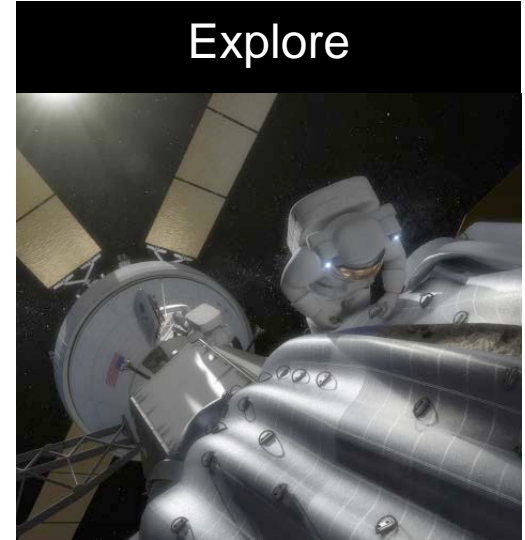
## Redirect



### **Asteroid Redirect Robotic Mission:**

High power solar electric propulsion (SEP) based robotic asteroid redirect to lunar distant retrograde orbit

## Explore

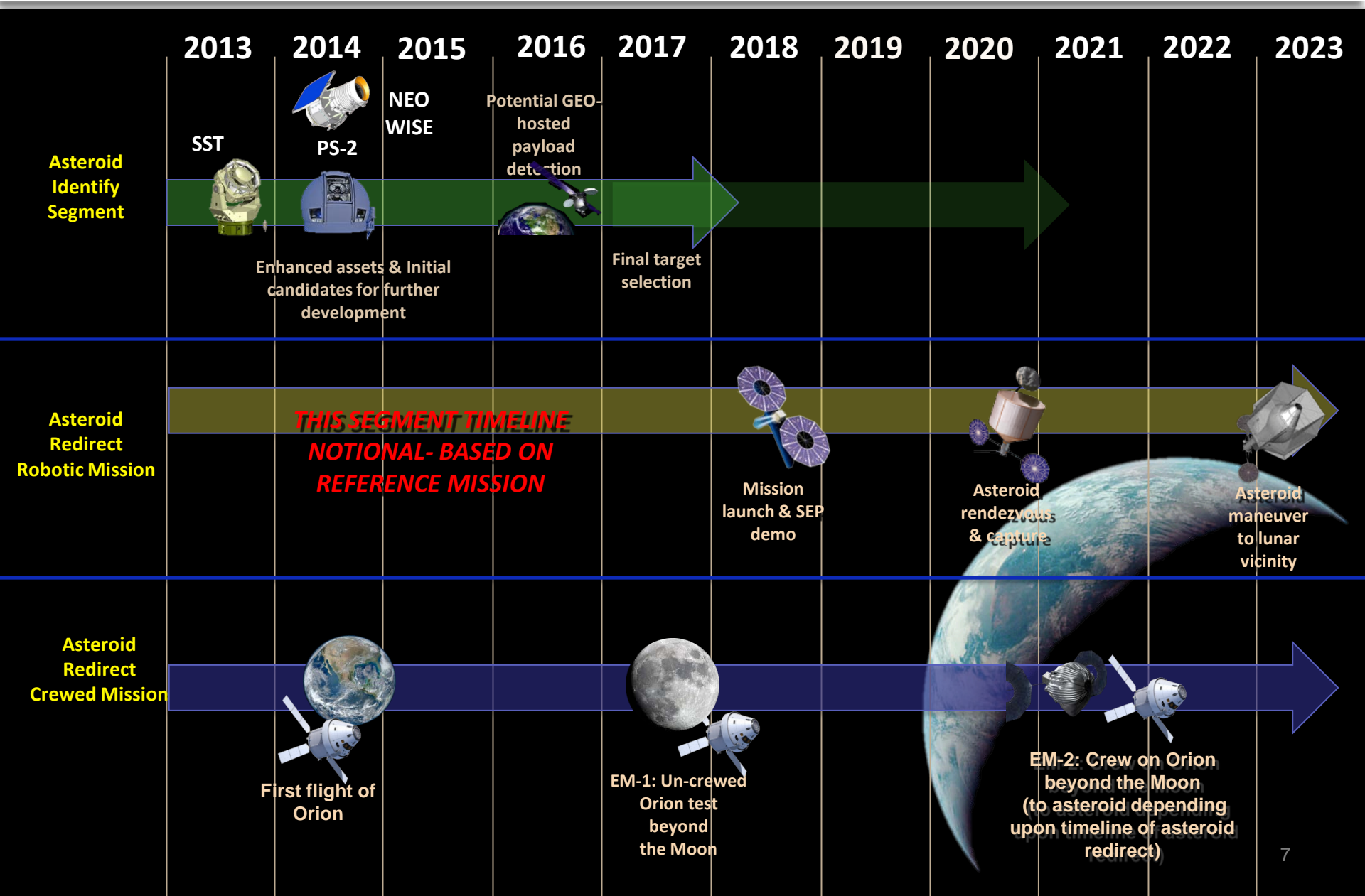


### **Asteroid Redirect Crewed Mission:**

Orion and Space Launch System based crewed rendezvous and sampling mission to the relocated asteroid

**Leveraging On-Going Activities  
Each Provides Important Individual Capability**

# Alignment Strategy for a Mission

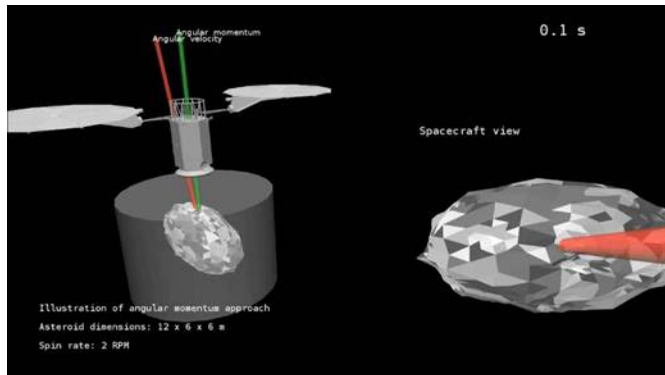




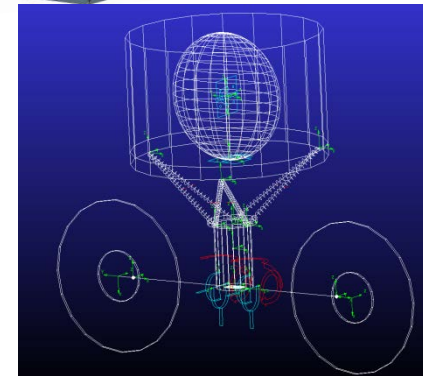
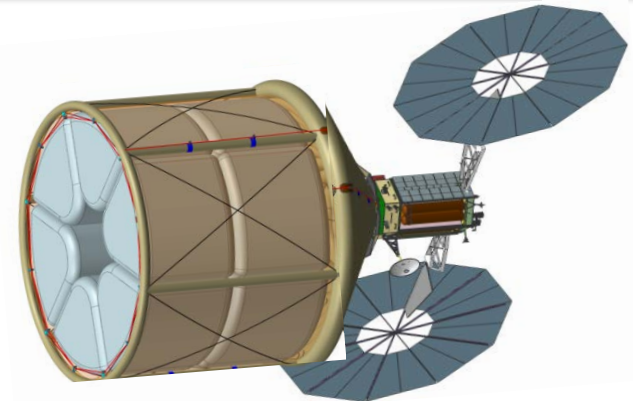
# Capture Mechanism Placeholder



- Capture bag designed to capture worst case rubble pile, using inflatable exoskeleton forming a cylindrical barrel section and conical section, actual size will depend on target



- Performing various dynamic analyses to assure robust system for capture at slow and fast rotation states while limiting forces on S/C



- Built 1/5 scale testbed
  - To help characterize stiffness and damping, forces on the bag, and general control of the bag and fabric
  - Upgrades to system to include pie-shaped inner bags for fast rotation capture planned for spring 2014.





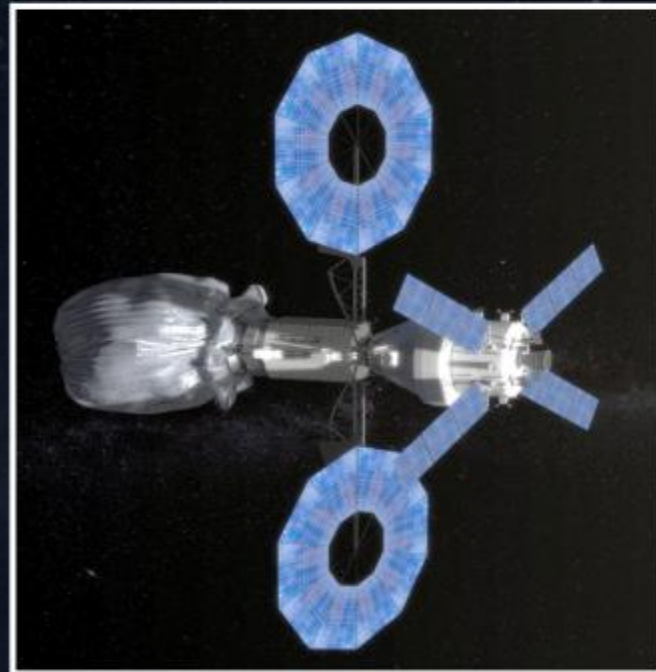
# Asteroid Redirect Crewed Mission Overview



Deliver crew  
on SLS/Orion



Attached Orion to robotic spacecraft



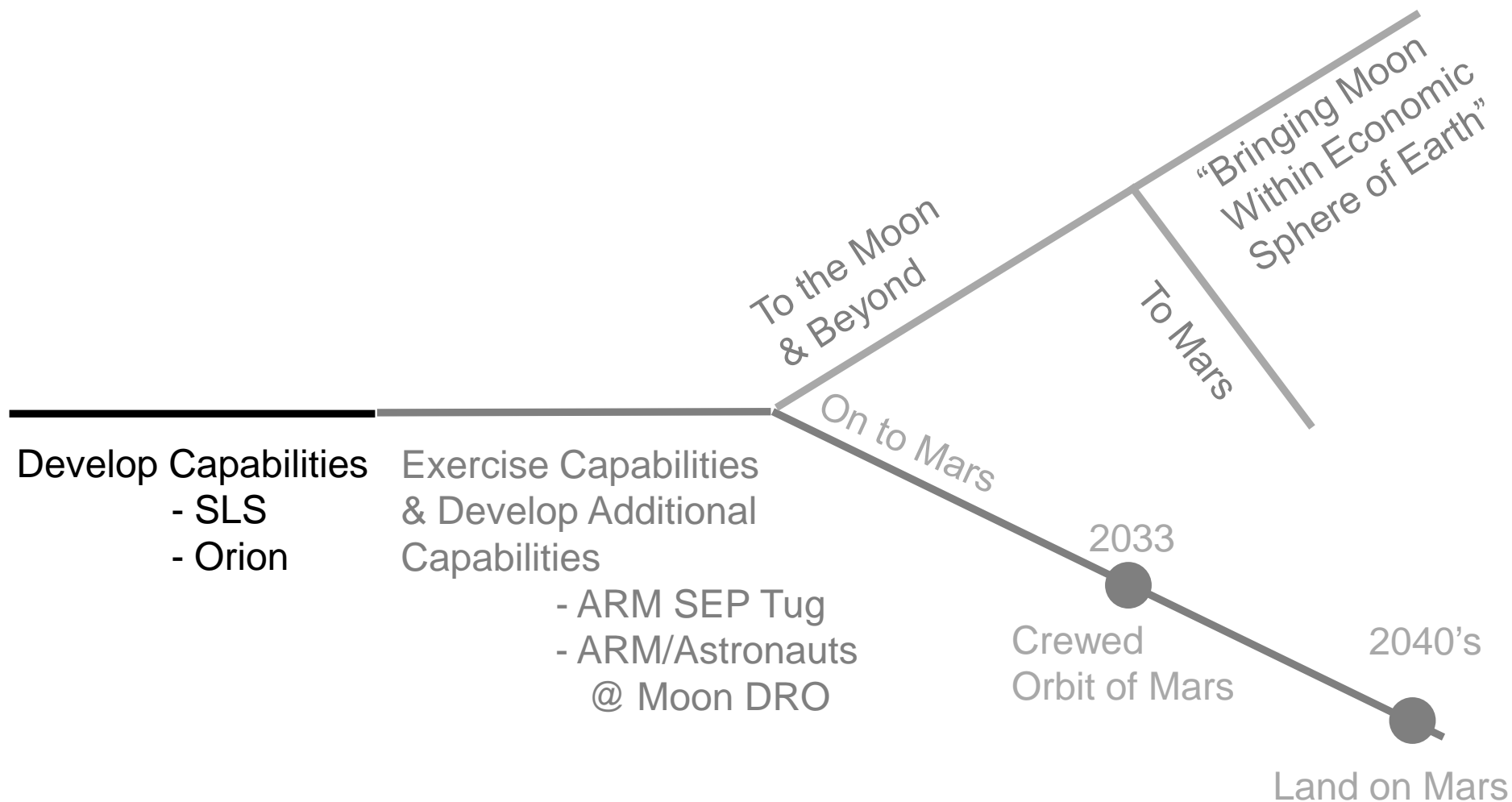
Perform extra-vehicular activity (EVA) to retrieve asteroid samples



Return crew safely to Earth with  
asteroid samples in Orion



# Example Human Exploration Pathways



# FY13 Modified ACES Testing Progress



Winter 2012



MACES EVAs are demonstrated as feasible and neutrally buoyant testing is warranted

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Test #3 (2hr)



Improvements in suit fit procedures needed

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Test #5 (2hr)



Great capability improvements observed in subsequent runs indicating that training on the suit is vital.

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – Test #8 (4hr)



Best demonstration of suit capability, attributed to good suit fit that allowed the subject easier access to standard work envelope.

May

June

July

August

September

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Test #1 (2hr)



Established baseline weigh out and ECS interface (both to be improved)

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Test #2 (2hr)



Established need for robust EVA gloves (EMU Phase VI)

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Test #4 (2hr)



Two-handed task difficulties established need for suit shoulder biasing and better worksite stabilization

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Test #6 (3hr)



Suit fit specific to EVA operations continues to be a significant performance factor

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – Test #7 (4hr)



Suit system demonstrated feasibility of 4 hour EVAs.

**Hardware and Procedure Improvements**

Improved weights

Phase IV Gloves

Added tool harness

Cooling System modifications

Drink bag included

Improved Poolside Procedure

New liquid cooling garment



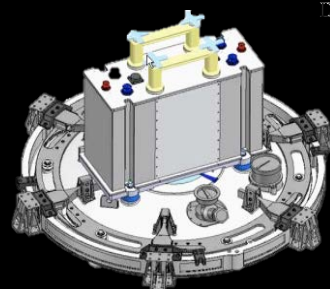
## Asteroid Mission NBL Testing



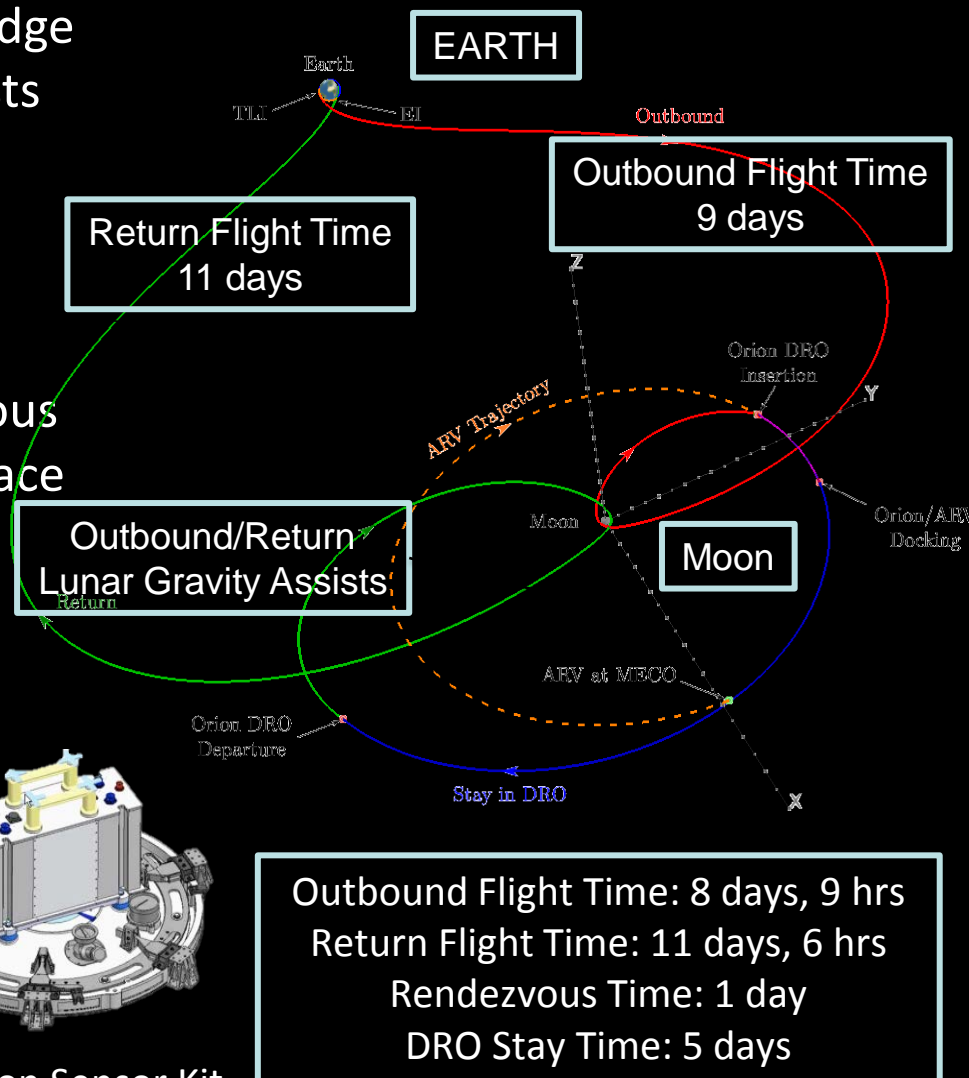
# Leveraging Trajectory and Rendezvous



- Common sensors derived from knowledge gained from Space Shuttle Detailed Tests
- Synergy between crewed and robotic mission sensors
- Trajectory launch constraints, rendezvous techniques, navigation enable deep space



Notional Relative Navigation Sensor Kit

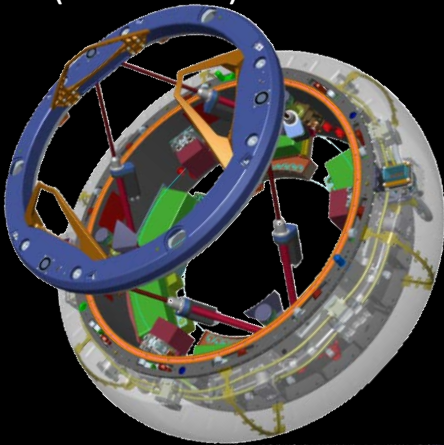


# Docking System

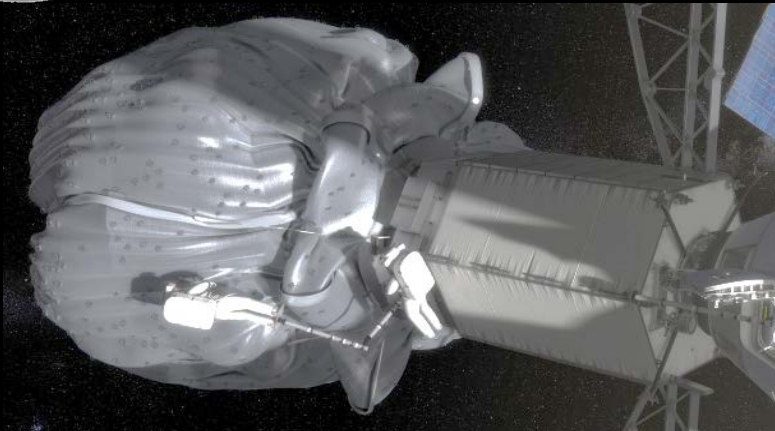
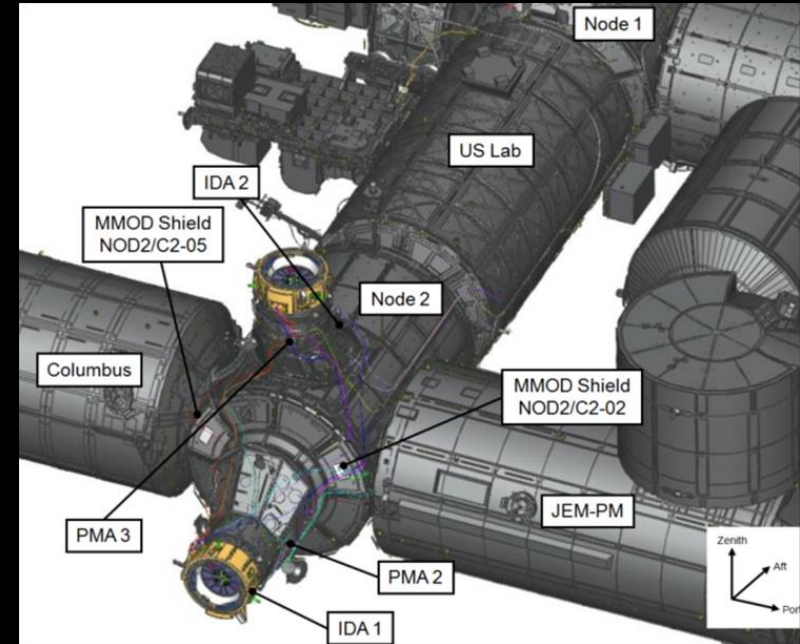


- **Docking System for Orion and Robotic Spacecraft leverages development of International Docking System Standard**

Orion Active  
Docking Mechanism  
(extended)






Robotic Spacecraft  
Passive Docking  
Mechanism



- International Docking Adapter will create a docking port on ISS
- Compatible with new International Standard
- Provides Power and data utility connections to visiting vehicles
- Delivered to ISS in trunk of Space – X Dragon Cargo Vehicle

# ARM Provides First Steps to Mars/Other Destinations



|  | Mission<br>Sequence   | Current<br>ISS<br>Mission  | Asteroid<br>Redirect<br>Mission | Long<br>Stay In<br>Deep<br>Space | Mars<br>Orbit | Mars<br>Surface,<br>Short<br>Stay | Mars<br>Surface,<br>Long<br>Stay |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mars<br>Destination<br>Capabilities    | In Situ Resource Utilization & Surface Power                    |  |                                 |                                  |               |                                   | X                                |
|  | Surface Habitat   |  |                                 |                                  |               |                                   | X                                |
|  | Entry Descent Landing, Human Lander                             |  |                                 |                                  |               | X                                 | X                                |
|  | Advanced Cryogenic Upper Stage                                  |  |                                 |                                  | X             | X                                 | X                                |
| Initial<br>Exploration<br>Capabilities | Solar Electric Propulsion for Cargo                             |  | X                               | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |
|  | Exploration EVA   |  | X                               | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |
|  | Crew Operations beyond LEO (Orion)                              |  | X                               | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |
|  | Deep Space Guidance Navigation and Control/Automated Rendezvous |  | X                               | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |
|  | Crew Return from Beyond LEO – High Speed Entry (Orion)          |  | X                               | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |
|  | Heavy Lift Beyond LEO (SLS)                                     |  | X                               | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |
| ISS<br>Derived<br>Capabilities         | Deep Space Habitat  | *  |                                 | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |
|  | High Reliability Life Support                                   | *  |                                 | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |
|  | Autonomous Assembly   | *  |                                 | X                                | X             | X                                 | X                                |

# Asteroid Initiative Extensibility for future Deep Space/Mars Missions

## EVA:

- EVA kits build capability for future exploration:
  - MACES
  - PLSS (Design accommodates Mars)
- Follow-on Asteroid Utilization mission can provide more capable micro-g exploration suit
- Technologies allow NASA to develop the next generation surface suit and PLSS.

Exploration EVA Capabilities

Solar Electric Propulsion (SEP)

## In-space Power and Propulsion :

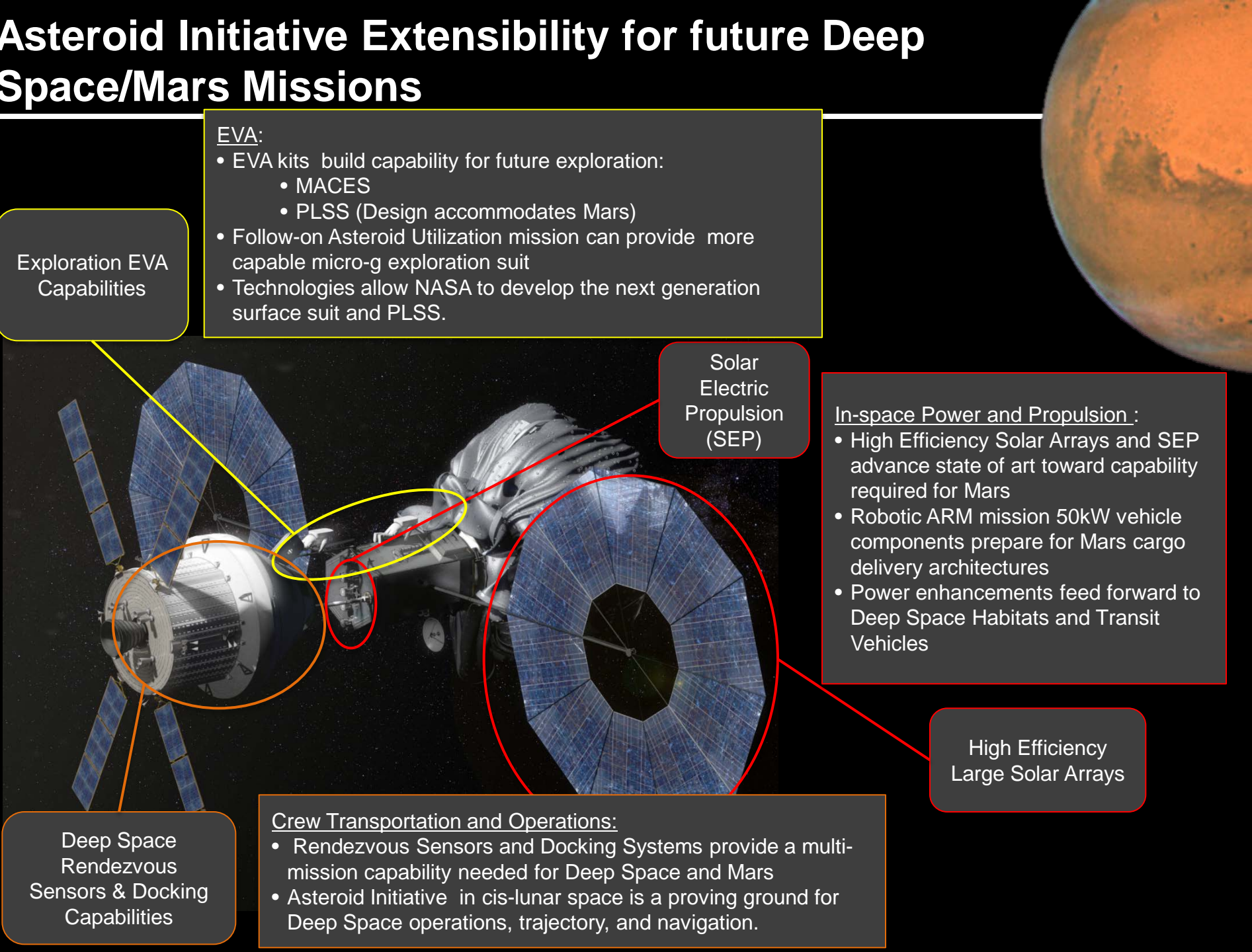
- High Efficiency Solar Arrays and SEP advance state of art toward capability required for Mars
- Robotic ARM mission 50kW vehicle components prepare for Mars cargo delivery architectures
- Power enhancements feed forward to Deep Space Habitats and Transit Vehicles

High Efficiency Large Solar Arrays

## Crew Transportation and Operations:

- Rendezvous Sensors and Docking Systems provide a multi-mission capability needed for Deep Space and Mars
- Asteroid Initiative in cis-lunar space is a proving ground for Deep Space operations, trajectory, and navigation.

Deep Space Rendezvous Sensors & Docking Capabilities





# Space Communications and Navigation Update



# LLCD Mission Architecture

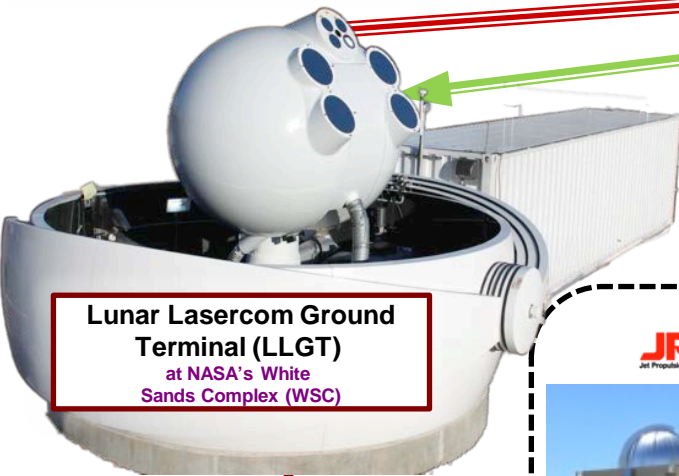


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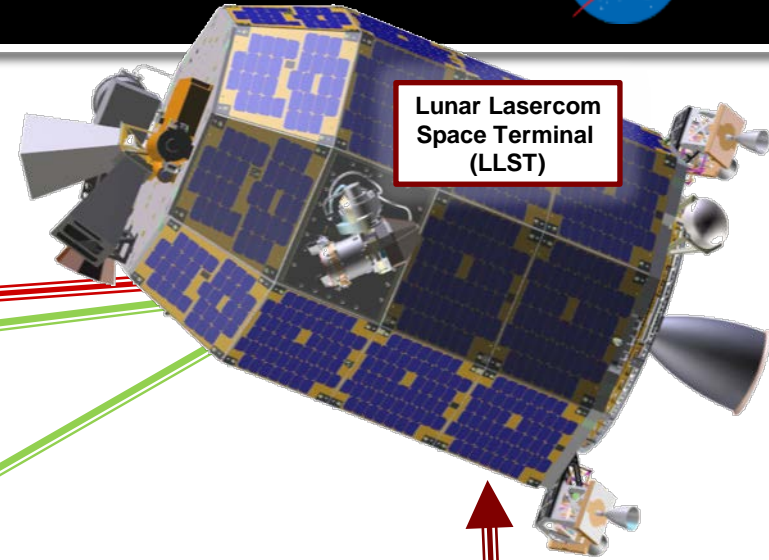
4 x 10 W 1.55 mm EDFA MOPAs  
to 10 cm EDFA-pre-amp on LADEE  
Transmitting 10 or 20 Mbps 4-PPM  
with 1/2 Rate code and interleaver

## LLGT DOWNLINK:

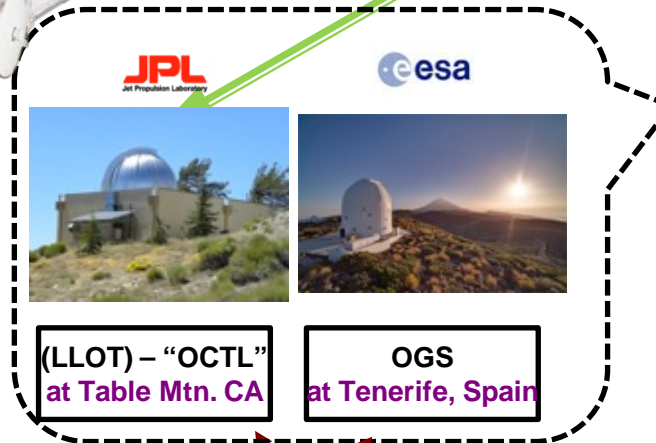
0.5 W 1.55 mm EDFA MOPAs  
to 4 x 0.4 m telescopes to 16 SNDAs  
Transmitting 40 to 622 Mbps 16-PPM  
with 1/2 Rate code and interleaver



**Lunar Lasercom Ground Terminal (LLGT)**  
at NASA's White Sands Complex (WSC)



**Lunar Lasercom Space Terminal (LLST)**



**(LLOT) - "OCTL"**  
at Table Mtn. CA

**OGS**  
at Tenerife, Spain

**Lunar Lasercom Ops Center (LLOC) & Mission Analysis Center**  
at MIT/LL

**RF Ground Station**

**LADEE Mission Ops Center**  
at ARC

**LADEE Science Ops Center**  
at GSFC

**LLCD Monitor**  
at GSFC

# Project Accomplishments – LLST to the Lunar Lasercomm Ground Terminal (LLGT)



## Performance to Date:

- ✓ Regular, instantaneous (seconds!) all-optical acquisition and tracking between LLST and LLGT
- ✓ Error-free D/L to LLGT at 40, 80, 155, 311 Mbps
- ✓ 622 Mbps D/L regularly achieved with a code word error rate (CER)  $< 1 \times 10^{-5}$  (Req.  $< 1 \times 10^{-4}$ )
- ✓ Error-free U/L from LLGT at 10, 20 Mbps
- ✓ Initial TOF measurements collected and being processed to allow centimeter-class ranging
- ✓ Error-free operation at low Moon elevation angles ( $< 4$  degrees at White Sands/LLGT!)
- ✓ Operation to within 3 degrees of the Sun at up to 622 Mbps with no degradation at the LLGT!



## Operational Achievements to Date:

- ✓ LLST U/L commanding sent and LLST telemetry received over optical link
- ✓ LADEE spacecraft data downlinked through high-speed data interface to LLST Modem; entire 1 GB LADEE buffer downlinked in  $< 5$  min @ 40 Mbps (LADEE C&DH limit)
- ✓ Multiple streaming HD videos transmitted to the Moon and looped back to LLGT at 20 Mbps (limited by U/L rate)
- ✓ All-optical (no RF!) Comm passes using automated scripts to awaken and point LLST on schedule



# Project Accomplishments – JPL OCTL and ESA OGS Ground Terminals



## JPL's LLOT Ground Terminal (OCTL)

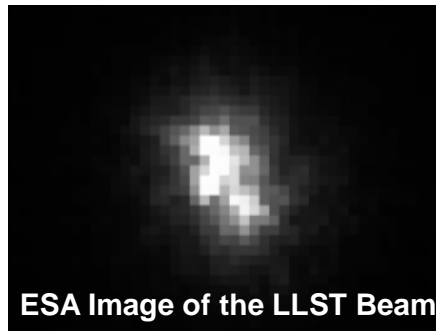
- ✓ Regular, instantaneous (seconds!) all-optical acquisition and tracking between LLST and OCTL
- ✓ Properly-framed, error-free D/L to JPL's OCTL at 40, 80 Mbps
- ✓ Operation at low elevation angles of the Moon (degrees at JPL's Table Mountain/LLOT)
- ✓ “Hand-off” from WSC to JPL during pass in < 2 min!



JPL's OCTL Facility in Southern CA

## ESA's LL-OGS Ground Terminal

- ✓ Received communication D/L to ESA's OGS at 40 Mbps (new station)
- Fine-tracking on U/L sometimes achieved at LLST, but signal level is still 5 dB too low to permit U/L comm
- Final week of passes will try to exercise improved OGS U/L beam pointing



ESA Image of the LLST Beam



ESA's LL-OGS on Tenerife, Spain



# Launch Services Program -- CY13 Launch Highlights



January 30, 2013



February 11, 2013



June 27, 2013



November 18, 2013



# Global Exploration Roadmap



2013

2020

2030

## International Space Station

General Research and Exploration  
Preparatory Activities

Note: ISS partner agencies have agreed to use the ISS until at least 2020.

Commercial or Government Low-Earth Orbit Platforms and Missions

## Robotic Missions to Discover and Prepare



Mars Sample  
Return and  
Precursor  
Opportunities

## Human Missions Beyond Low-Earth Orbit



Explore Near-Earth Asteroid

Extended Duration Crew  
Missions

Humans to  
Lunar Surface

Missions to  
Deep Space and  
Mars System

Sustainable  
Human Missions  
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